

Everything has its place.
Recycle right!
Read & use these guidelines.



2011-12 Collection
Calendar Enclosed

Waste Management
720 4th Ave, Suite 400, Kirkland, WA 98033
Online 24 hrs.: wmnothwest.com
Información en español
800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM)
Online Billing: wm.com/wm/ezpay

THINK GREEN.®



Your Snohomish County Recycling Guide



Recycling

Clean recyclables go in your blue recycling cart

Ignore numbers on plastic containers. Put only bottles, jugs, cups and tubs in recycling.

Clean Paper & Newspaper

Newspaper, inserts

Mail, envelopes

Cereal, dry food boxes (remove liner)

Paperback books

Magazines, catalogs, phone books

Non-foil wrapping paper

Frozen food boxes

Juice boxes

Paper cups



Milk, soy milk & broth cartons



Shredded paper is difficult to separate from other recyclables. It is accepted in yard/food carts.

Cardboard

Flatten



Glass Jars & Bottles

Empty and rinse out
Labels OK



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Cups & Tubs

Empty and rinse. Labels OK. No lids

Milk, juice & soda bottles

Yogurt, dairy & margarine tubs

Plastic cups

Shampoo & conditioner bottles

Window, bathroom & kitchen cleaner bottles

Detergent & fabric softener bottles

Pill bottles (no prescription vials)



Aluminum & Tin Cans

Empty and rinse out food residue.
Labels OK

Soda cans

Metal food cans

Aerosol cans (empty only)



Plastic bags contaminate other recyclables. Bag plastic bags and take them to a grocery store for recycling. Even better, use a reusable bag.

Aerosol cans with contents should be taken to the Snohomish County Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station.

Scrap Metal

(small non-working metal appliances, pots, tools, etc.)
Limit 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 lbs;
no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments; no sharp metal



RECYCLING

- Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so that they can be easily sorted.
 - Put all recyclables in blue recycling cart.
 - Blue recycling carts are emptied every **other week**. (See enclosed calendar.)
 - Put extra recycling in 32-gallon containers with handles and lids. Label "Recycle."**
- * There is no charge for extra recycling.

Not sure? Check it out at wmnorthwest.com

Food & Yard Waste

These go in your green yard & food cart

*No plastic,
glass or metal*

Fruit & vegetable scraps; leftovers

Bread, pasta, grains

Eggshells, nutshells

Coffee filters & grounds

Teabags & tea leaves

Meat, fish, poultry, beans

Dairy products (yogurt, cheese, etc.)



Greasy paper or cardboard takeout and delivery boxes

Food soiled paper towels, napkins

Shredded paper (*layered*)

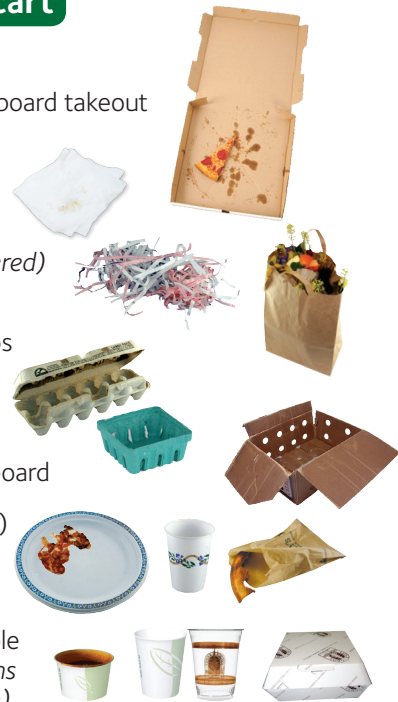
Paper grocery bags containing food scraps

Soiled paper egg & berry cartons

Waxed paper & cardboard

Uncoated (non-shiny) paper plates, cups, food wrap & bags

Approved compostable packaging (*more items at gogreenscene.com*)

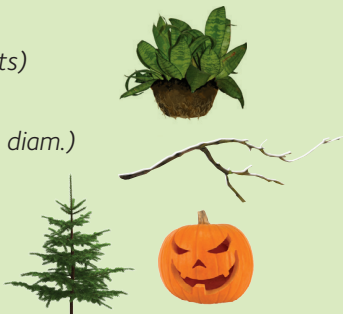


Sign up for food/yard service at
wmnorthwest.com or
call **800.592.9995** (M-F 7AM-5PM).

Houseplants (*no pots*)

Tree branches (*under 4' long, 4" in diam.*)

Holiday trees, Jack-o-lanterns (*remove candle*)



Weeds

Twigs, branches, roots from pruning

Grass clippings, leaves



Food & Yard Waste collection is weekly year round.

Collect food scraps. It's easy to do.

1. Use a collection method that works for you.
 - a sink collander strainer
 - a paper grocery bag
 - a reusable plastic, metal or ceramic container with a lid
 - newspaper
 - an approved compostable bag (gogreenscene.com)
2. Empty your container into the food/yard cart frequently.
3. Layer food scraps with yard waste, newspaper or shredded paper to absorb liquids.



Where does it go?

Food scraps and yard trimmings are processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores.

Extra Yard Waste: There is a charge for extra yard waste. Put extra yard waste in Kraft paper bags or 32-gallon containers with handles and lids (*65lb limit*). Label "yard."

Not sure? Check it out at **wmnorthwest.com**

Garbage

Bag these and put them in your garbage

Non-recyclable Plastic

Take-out containers

Styrofoam, packing peanuts

Caps, lids

Stretch wrap

Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers

Plastic bakery & meat trays

Plastic plates & utensils

Empty prescription vials

Garden hoses



Non-recyclable Glass

Mirrors, window glass

Ceramics, dishes

Incandescent & halogen light bulbs only
(Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes need special disposal — see next page)



Non-recyclable Metal

Caps, lids

Aluminum foil, foil trays

Oil containers



Non-recyclable Paper

Disposable diapers

Ribbons, foil wrapping paper

Dirty paper, facial tissue



Hardened paint in cans
(remove lid)

Sharp or greasy metal

Clothes hangers

Small non-working plastic appliances
(toasters, microwaves, coffee makers, etc.)



Use kitty litter or paint hardener to solidify latex paint.

Donate books to a local charity or school.

GARBAGE

Please:

- Bag all garbage.
- Double bag pet waste, pet litter, packing pellets, vacuum dust, sawdust, and cold ashes.
- **Weight limit: 32-gal/65 lbs** for your collector's safety.

Garbage charges are based on container size. There is a charge for extra garbage that doesn't fit in your container with the lid closed. Bulky items like mattresses, appliances, and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee.

Not sure? Check it out at wmnorthwest.com

What Do I Do With?

Some items such as medical wastes, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, needles, fuel tanks, electronics and chemicals are hazardous and are not allowed in garbage or recycling. They require special handling as indicated below.

Use rechargeable batteries. Many stores accept rechargeable batteries for recycling.

Motor Oil Put in tightly closed 1 gallon milk jugs and take to a hazardous waste station.

- **snoco.org** (search "solid waste")
- **425.388.3425**
- Snohomish County transfer stations (**snoco.org**, search "transfer stations" for locations and quantity limitations)

Computers, Monitors and TVs

Free recycling locations:

- **ecyclewashington.org**
- **800.RECYCLE (732.9253)**
- **takeitbacknetwork.org**



Cell Phones & Other Electronics

(printers, fax machines, DVD players, etc):

- **takeitbacknetwork.org**



Large Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc.)*

- Sell, donate or give away
- **snopud.com/conservation**



**Washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, dishwashers, microwaves and hot water tanks (that are 85% metal or more), may be recycled free of charge, at the Snohomish county transfers stations and Neighborhood Recycle & Disposal Centers. Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps and dehumidifiers contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are regulated under the Federal Clean Air Act, and must be disposed of properly. These items cannot be disposed or recycled at Snohomish County Solid Waste facilities. For more information visit snoco.org (search "solid waste") or call 425.388.3425.*

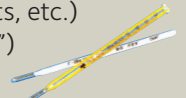
Batteries (rechargeable, alkaline, button, lead acid automobile, UPS)

- Snohomish County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station (visit **snoco.org** for hours and location)
- **thinkgreenfromhome.com**
- **call2recycle.org**



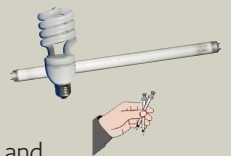
Mercury-containing Products (mercury switches, thermometers, thermostats, etc.)

- **snoco.org** (search "solid waste")
- **425.388.3425**



Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes

- **thinkgreenfromhome.com**
- **takeitbacknetwork.org**
- **425.388.3425**



Needles/Syringes Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can injure residents, collectors, and sorters, as well as spread diseases.

- Take syringes to a pharmacy
- Use Sharps by mail – **thinkgreenfromhome.com**



Oil-Based Paint, Chemicals, Pesticides, Propane Tanks & Automobile Fluids

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station

- **snoco.org** (search "solid waste")
- **425.388.3425**



Unwanted Medicines To properly dispose of expired and unwanted medications visit:

- **Takebackyourmeds.org**

There are many alternatives to putting unwanted items in the garbage. If an item is in good condition, donate it or give it away.

Plastic Bags & Dry Cleaning Bags

Plastic bags become litter and endanger wildlife.

- Use durable bags
- Reuse plastic bags
- Recycle at grocery store



Clothing & Shoes

- Donate to second hand stores such as Goodwill or your local consignment shop

Styrofoam Blocks & Packing Peanuts, Toilets, Tires, Cooking Oil... and more!

- **takeitbacknetwork.org**
- **1800recycle.wa.gov;**
- **800.RECYCLE (732.9253)**

Online Materials Exchange

- Craigslist: **seattle.craigslist.org**
- 2Good2Toss: **2good2toss.com**
- The Freecycle Network: **freecycle.org**

Collection Guidelines



Weather Delay?

If weather conditions prevent safe collection, up to twice as much material will be collected at no extra charge on your next regular collection day for each container not emptied. No credit for collection delayed due to weather.



Place carts at curb by 6AM

- Two (2) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees and mailboxes
- Please take containers in as soon as possible after collection

Visit **wmnorthwest.com** or call **800.592.9995** (M-F 7AM-5PM) for:

- **Missed collection**
- **Missing/damaged carts**
- **Collection rates or service subscription**
- **Bulky item collection**
(mattresses, appliances, etc.)
- **Construction/demolition containers**
(remodeling, etc.)
- **Disabled service**

Waste Prevention is Even Better Than Recycling!



Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:

Reduce: Can I buy this product with less packaging?

Reuse: Can I or someone else use this again?

Recycle: Can I recycle this after I use it?

Buy Recycled: Can I get this item with recycled content?

Resources

Waste Management

wmnorthwest.com • 800.592.9995

Snohomish County

snoco.org (search "solid waste") • 425.388.3425

800RECYCLE

1800recycle.wa.gov

800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

Online information to help you dispose of materials properly.

Household Hazardous Waste

snoco.org (search "solid waste") • 425.388.3425

Take it Back Network

takeitbacknetwork.org • 425.388.3425

Recycle electronics, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, and other mercury-containing products.

E-cycle Washington

ecyclewashington.org

800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

Free recycling locations for computers, monitors and TVs.

Sharps Mail Back Program

thinkgreenfromhome.com

Safe Medicine Disposal

takebackyourmeds.org

Environmental Kids Club • **epa.gov/kids**

Classroom Resources • **thinkgreen.com**

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